

EN

E-004451/2025

Answer given by Mr Várhelyi
on behalf of the European Commission
(23.1.2026)

In accordance with Article 84(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429¹, operators of establishments keeping terrestrial animals must inform the competent authority of any establishment under their responsibility and provide certain information, in order for their establishments to be registered.

Establishments keeping pigeons as terrestrial animals are subject to registration. However, in accordance with Article 85 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, Member States may exempt certain categories of establishment from the obligation to register. The types of establishments keeping terrestrial animals that may be exempted by Member States from the obligation to register are laid down in Article 3 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1345². Member States may exempt certain establishments from registration within that legal framework, provided that they pose an insignificant risk.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') (OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/oj>).

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1345 of 1 August 2022 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to registration and approval of establishments keeping terrestrial animals and collecting, producing, processing or storing germinal products OJ L 202, 2.8.2022, p. 27, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/1345/oj).